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In re Application of:)
Gary Karlin Michelson)
Serial No.: 08/480,461)
Filed: June 7, 1995)
For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE)
SURGICAL CORRECTION OF HUMAN)
THORACIC AND LUMBAR SPINAL)
DISEASE FROM THE LATERAL ASPECT)
OF THE SPINE)
Group Art Unit: 3764
Examiner: M. Brown

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 23, 1998 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure

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Copies of English language abstracts, Search Reports, or in some cases where available, more complete translations or U.S./U.K. related patents of the listed non-English documents (previously cited) are attached.

Please note that in the IDS submitted November 23, 1998, ES 283078 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,877,020; JP 57-29348 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,349,921; and JP 61-122859 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,759,766, all of which were also submitted in the IDS dated November 23, 1998. Additionally, the applicant submits herewith the following U.S./U.K. related patents corresponding with the following non-English references:

GB 1291470	relates to	DE 1961531
GB 1492990	relates to	DE 2446039
GB 1531487	relates to	FR 2295729
US 5,279,292	relates to	DE 4104359

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant(s) determine(s) that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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